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LIQUID-CRYSTAL ELECTRO-For:

OPTICAL APPARATUS AND METHOD)

OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2003 please amendal-identified application as follows:

E CLAIMS: above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 32, 33 and 109 as follows:

32. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

first and second substrates:

a liquid crystal layer comprising a ferroelectric liquid crystal provided between said first and second substrates:

a resin disposed between said first and second substrates:

an electrode provided over at least one of said first and second substrates for applying an electric field to said ferroelectric liquid crystal;

an orientation film provided over said first substrate; and

a film provided over said second substrate,

wherein said resin covers said orientation film and at least a portion of said resin is contiguous to said orientation film and to said film provided over said second substrate,